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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. MARINE INSURANCE. DURING RECENT MARAD/MORFLOT TALKS HERE SAM NEMIROW TOLD KEN SKOUG THAT BRITISH HAVE ASKED THAT WE NOT USE LONDON AS VENUE FOR ANY FUTURE MARINE INSURANCE TALKS. NEMIROW SAID THAT BLACKWELL IS WILLING TO COME TO MOSCOW, IF IVANOV SHOULD GIVE US AN ANSWER WORTH DISCUSSING. HOWEVER, WE GOT IMPRESSION THAT MARAD REPS MAY ALSO BE THINKING OF ANOTHER INTERMEDIATE POINT THAN LONDON. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT BRITISH ACTION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE THEY DID NOT LIKE COMPOSITION OF SOVIET DELEGATION AND DID NOT WELCOME OUR NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS TO BRITISH EMBASSY HERE IN ORDER TO GET MEL'NIKOV ADMITTED TO U.K. WE ARE AFRAID THAT THE SAME WOULD APPLY TO MOST WESTERN COUNTRIES AND WE ARE MOST RELUCTANT TO FIND OURSELVES IN POSITION OF DROPPING EVERYTHING TO PUT PRESSURE ON FRIENDLY EMBASSY SO THAT MR. MEL'NIKOV CAN TRAVEL IN THE WEST. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN, DISCREETLY TO ENCOURAGE THAT FUTURE MARINE INSURANCE TALKS BE HELD IN MOSCOW OF U.S.

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2. FOR MCCALL FROM MORTER. BOFINGER HAS ADVISED US BY TELEPHONE THAT GORKY CEILINGS HAVE BEEN RECONSIDERED AGAIN, AND AGAIN DECIDED AGAINST. I DON'T KNOW AT WHOSE INITIATIVE AND HOPE THIS WILL NOT PREEMPT AMBASSADOR TOON FROM MAKING LAST PITCH ON SUBJECT TO JOHN THOMAS, AS WE PROPOSED. YOU AND AMB ARE WELL AWARE OF NEED TO MAKE KIEV RESIDENCE MORE THAN LARGE APARTMENT. CEILINGS ARE

THE MAJOR OPTION WE HAVE TO GIVE GORKY REPRESENTATIONAL QUALITY IT DESERVES. NOW THAT WE HAVE EX AND FBO AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO STRELETSKAYA 14 ELEVATOR FUNDING, I BELIEVE WE CAN FIND SOME SIMILAR WAY TO PAY FOR THESE CEILINGS.

3. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE KENT BROWN VISIT US DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 22 TO APRIL 2, AND WOULD ALSO WELCOME ROBERT PERITO'S COMING IN JUNE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASKING AMBASSADOR TOON IF HE PLANS TO STOP OVER IN LONDON TO MEET WITH ADMIRAL BAGLEY'S SUCCESSOR, THE NEW CINCPAC. IF SO, BILL BROWN WOULD LIKE TO JOIN HIM, AS DISCUSSED PRIOR TO THE AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE.

5. HOPE GUIDELINES IN STATE 41381 WILL NOT BE APPLIED TO AFFECT THIS CHANNEL. MATLOCK

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